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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REMARKS RAISE HACKLES IN ZAIRE

AMBASSADOR CUTLER REPORTS THAT IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS LAST WEEKEND PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA EXPRESSED PROFOUND CONCERN OVER RECENT STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG. THEY NOTED PARTICULARLY YOUNG'S DOWNPLAYING OF THE SOVIET THREAT TO AFRICA, AND HIS ALLEGED EXPRESSION OF GREAT ADMIRATION FOR ANGOLA'S NETO IN THE

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WIDELY-CIRCULATED MAGAZINE JEUNE AFRIQUE. NEITHER COULD UNDERSTAND SUCH A STATEMENT FROM A HIGH US OFFICIAL TOWARD A LEADER THEY REGARD AS RESPONSIBLE FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST A LONG-TERM FRIEND OF THE US.

IN A SUBSEQUENT CALL, NGUZA ASKED AMBASSADOR CUTLER ABOUT WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO MOBUTU'S CRITICISM OF AMBASSADOR

YOUNG IN A NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW. AFTER DECLINING TO COMMENT SPECIFICALLY IN THE ABSENCE OF HAVING SEEN THE TEXT OR HAVING RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR CUTLER REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT IT WAS IN OUR COMMON INTEREST FOR OUR FRIENDS TO EXERCISE PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN PUBLIC CRITICISM AS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION SETTLES IN AND REVIEWS US FOREIGN POLICY.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I SUSPECT THAT, DESPITE MY ADVICE, OUR ZAIRIAN FRIENDS WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY PUBLICLY ABOUT OUR CURRENT ATTITUDES TOWARD AFRICA. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINSHASA 3406, 4/12.)

2. PLO ANXIOUS TO GO TO GENEVA

EMBASSY DAMASCUS REPORTS THAT ON APRIL 10 PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KHALID FAHUM TOLD A SOURCE THAT:

--THE PLO WILL ATTEND MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS IN GENEVA IF INVITED.

--AN INVITATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IN AND OF ITSELF IT WOULD SUPERCEDE UN RESOLUTION 242, THUS ESTABLISHING A NEW BASIS FOR THE TALKS.

--SADAT PROMULGATED THE IDEA OF A UNIFIED PLO-JORDANIAN DELEGATION TO "WASH HIS HANDS" OF THE PLO ISSUE, BUT NEITHER THE PLO NOR JORDAN WILL GO ALONG WITH IT.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: REJECTION OF A UNIFIED DELEGATION WITH JORDAN IS TO BE EXPECTED AT THIS STAGE AS THE DIFFICULT JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN RECONCILIATION TALKS HAVE BARELY BEGUN. (CONFIDENTIAL) DAMASCUS 2318, 4/11.)

3. CHILE: PINOCHET ADVISER ASSESSES JUNTA'S MOOD

DURING AN APRIL 6 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR POPPER, INFLUENTIAL PINOCHET ADVISER JAIME GUZMAN OBSERVED THAT:

--THE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR DERIAN WILL BE HELPFUL IN COMBATTING A TENDENCY WITHIN THE JUNTA TO BELIEVE THAT, NO MATTER WHAT IT DOES, IT WILL NOT BE GIVEN ANY CREDIT FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE.

--PINOCHET ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES

THE REGIME ADOPTED AT THE BEGINNING OF 1977 WENT TOO FAR, AND THAT A TURN IN DIRECTION IS NEEDED.

--THE RESUMPTION OF BROADLY-BASED POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE TO COME ABOUT GRADUALLY, AS CHILE REMAINS DEEPLY POLARIZED. (SECRET) SANTIAGO 2912, 4/11.)

4. CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER'S ASIAN JUNKET

CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK HAS RETURNED TO PRAGUE AFTER A THREE-WEEK VISIT TO VIETNAM, LAOS, BURMA AND PAKISTAN. APPARENTLY, HIS TRIP WAS NOT JUST FOR SHOW, AS OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY WORKED THE SAME GROUND (HEALTH MINISTER PROKOPEC VISITED VIETNAM AND A TRADE UNION DELEGATION WAS IN SRI LANKA AND BURMA). ACCORDING TO EMBASSY PRAGUE, THE TRIP WAS DE-SECRET

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SIGNED TO:

--CARRY CHNOUPEK'S ACTIVIST FOREIGN POLICY EASTWARD, ENHANCING CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S RESPECTABILITY IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT CONCERNED BY ITS POOR HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE;

--CONTINUE THE MINUET OF SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND ASIAN COMMUNISTS, WHILE ACTING AS MOSCOW'S SURROGATE TO THE THIRD WORLD; AND

--PROMOTE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TRADE, POSSIBLY INCLUDING ARMS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) PRAGUE 905, 4/12.)

5. KENYATTA'S HEALTH IMPROVING

EMBASSY NAIROBI REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S HEALTH HAS CLEARLY IMPROVED. HE TRAVELLED 450 MILES BY CAR TO MOMBASA ON APRIL 9, AND KENYAN NEWSPAPERS CARRIED PICTURES OF HIM EN ROUTE STANDING, GRINNING WIDELY, AND WAVING TO THE CROWD UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN MOMBASA. (CONFIDENTIAL) NAIROBI 4500, 4/12.) VANCE

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